# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Times Higher QS World University Ranking released in London last week does not list any Indian University within the first 200;

(b) if so, the reasons why any of the seven IITs in the country are not included in the 200-League table of top universities in the world, whereas the ranking include more than 10 Chinese universities;

(c) whether the ranking survey has covered 28 countries and whether the top 10 universities are either from USA or UK;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of higher education and to compete with the international institutions?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI )

(a) to (d): While certain institutions or agenciesoccasionally publish lists of universities or educationalinstitutions ranked according to the criteria known to them, there is no authentic official international agency for the global ranking of universities.

(e): Improvement of quality of higher education is a continuous process. A substantial increase in Plan allocation is envisaged in the XI Plan for the expansion of higher education, for setting up of institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, establishment of World Class Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology,Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institutes of Information Technology and Schools for Planning and Architecture. Expansion of capacity of the existing institutions, incentivising State Governments for increasing State outlays on higher education, strengthening of science based research in Universities, frequent updating of curricula, introduction of semester system, Faculty Improvement Programmes and other reforms are also proposed for being taken up during the XI Plan for improving the quality and relevance of higher education.